GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO BACKWARD STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated guidelines for allocation of funds under the new Backward States Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basis for the determination of the backwardness of the State; and

(d) the time by which the backward States are likely to receive their funds ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): The guidelines for the Backward Regions Grant Fund, announced by the Union Finance Minister in his Budget Speech for 2005-06, are under formulation.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): The scheme is yet to be finalized.